

Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force

May 4, 2020 from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department

Zoom Meeting – Virtual Only

AGENDA

Description	Action Steps/Items
Welcome / Review Minutes / Review Agenda	Jon Tunheim welcomed the group and Katie Strozyk noted that Schelli Slaughter may not be in attendance due to COVID-19 response. The March minutes and the May agenda were approved without updates.
Work Group Updates	<p>Katie Strozyk updated that the Work Groups have essentially ceased meeting due to restrictions during COVID-19 response, while emphasizing that members have all been working behind the scenes on continuing to move opioid response efforts forward.</p> <p>Meta Hogan added that Treatment Workgroup is considering holding a meeting to discuss how treatment providers in the area have been adapting to COVID-19 related changes and limitations to share successes and learnings.</p> <p>Work Groups will keep members updated as to when regular meetings will resume, either hosted in person or virtually.</p> <p>Katie Strozyk detailed how COVID-19 response has shifted the ability to reach all of the SMART Objectives by the end of 2020. Specifically, multiple Objectives related to in-person community education events and meetings of large groups. Work Groups are tasked to review their SMART Objectives for feasibility and make adjustments as needed. These revisions may include adjustments of measurable metric, extension of timeline, or an entirely new goal. Revised SMART Objectives will be discussed at the July meeting.</p>
COVID-19: Impacts & Changes	<p>Katie Strozyk discussed changes which have resulted from COVID-19 response, noting that there have been both positive and negative impacts to the system. It was reiterated that one impact is the need to revise the SMART Objectives, since resources and staffing have been adjusted during the response. other changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction/loss of in-person treatment and recovery support services • Increase in use of telemedicine • Clinical recommendations for longer buprenorphine prescriptions (minimum of 2 weeks) • Lessened restrictions around DATA 2000 waiver prescribing practices for buprenorphine (allowance of telemedicine) <p>Katie Strozyk also brought up how COVID-19 will continue to impact the system in ways which have not yet been visible, such as an increase in new Medicaid enrollees and behavioral health conditions impacted by COVID-19 stressors (isolation, finances, etc). Kris</p>

	<p>Shera added that there could be long-term positive impacts made if certain changes were made permanent, such as the expanded use of telemedicine. Meta Hogan echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that the Task Force and community as a whole are in a unique position to have the opportunity to think outside the box and implement innovative programming and approaches.</p>
Work Group Webpages	<p>Mary Ann O’Garro discussed the opportunity of having a webpage specific to the individual work groups of the Task Force. These would be community facing and meant to provide information on the projects and topics which each group is working on. The Task Force had positive feedback, adding that a webpage would provide an additional communication channel for providing updates to the public that are up to date (especially when things are not operating as usual). Mary Ann O’Garro will move forward on having the webpage created.</p>
Membership Updates / Funding & Partnership Opportunities	<p>The following updates were shared during the roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schelli Slaughter thanked everyone for their continued dedication and hard work, especially during COVID-19 • Mary Ann O’Garro is exploring what new possibilities may exist for programming which would fit new needs that are arising during COVID-19. One example given was a shift in focus from medication disposal to safe storage, due to many drop-boxes being inaccessible during the Stay at Home Order. • Courts are essentially shut down, except for criminal hearings for individuals n-custody. Drug Court has been utilizing telehealth visits. • Arielle Benson, Keylee Marineau, and Katie Strozyk have been working on planning for the Quarantine & Isolation (Q&I) Facility for COVID-19 and have specifically been working on how to address the needs of various special populations, such as if an individual was staying at the facility who is on a Methadone program. • Carrie Hennen is working on reviewing the potential revenue impacts that will be experienced by the 1/10th of 1% Treatment Sales Tax. It is reported by the State that there will be an increase in Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funding in 2021 • Thurston County Jail is using iPads to continue behavioral health treatment services for individuals who are incarcerated. It is not yet determined as to whether this will be an on-going service once in-person services are reinstated. • Dr. Cindy Grande shared that the Olympia Bupe Clinic has been offering longer prescriptions and that their patients have been extremely successful on the extended length. Individuals have also expressed positive feelings towards not having to be seen in-person at the clinic as frequently. Dr. Grande is looking for more ways to communicate to the public that the Clinic is open normal hours and taking new patients, 4-7 pm on Monday-Friday. • Cynthia Taylor reported that multiple pharmacies have said they are getting medication drop-boxes from MedProject. The timeline for these to be operational is unknown at this time, due to COVID-19. • Nurse Family Partnership and Children with Special Healthcare Needs are still conducting visits with families, but are utilizing telehealth for these visits. • John Lanning said that Providence is hoping to slowly re-open in-person behavioral health services in the middle of May. Services are currently all telehealth. • Kateri Wimsett reported that the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) Coalitions have had to adjust their programming but have been able to continue their scheduled parenting classes through Zoom.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen Treatment Services is currently accepting new patients for both buprenorphine and Methadone. Hours are 5:30 am – 1:30 pm daily. • Dr. Theresa Madden partnered with Dr. Gary Franklin to record a three-hour training on prescribing practices for dentists. She is going to be working on surveying dentists in Thurston County regarding the new guidelines. • Cascade Pacific Action Alliance is partnering with the University of Washington AIMS Center on a webinar for telehealth tips for behavioral health providers. Sara Rainer at rainers@crhn.org for registration details.
Schedule & Next Steps	<p>Next Task Force meeting: July 6, 2020 from 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm. VIRTUAL ONLY – Link TBD</p> <p>If you are interested in additional information regarding the Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force, would like to join a work group, or have further questions – please contact Katie Strozyk at katie.strozyk@co.thurston.wa.us or (360) 878-1261</p>

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